

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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COUNTY TO COLLECT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE IN HARBISON CANYON

The County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health is sponsoring a special one-day household hazardous waste and electronic waste (E-waste) collection event for residents of unincorporated communities such as Harbison Canyon, Alpine, Blossom Valley, Crest, Dehesa, Descanso & Flinn Springs.

This event will be held on Saturday, July 31, 2004 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. at the Shadow Hills Elementary School at 8770 Harbison Canyon Rd., Alpine

"The County is committed to helping unincorporated area residents dispose of potentially dangerous waste," said Chairwoman Dianne Jacob of the Board of Supervisors. "By holding this collection event in the Harbison Canyon area, we're making the disposal process quicker and easier for the people who live there," Jacob said.

- <u>Electronic "E-Waste" include:</u> Televisions, computer equipment, printers, and cell phones.
- <u>Household Hazardous Waste include</u>: unused or leftover portions of products containing toxic chemicals and products labeled: Caution, Warning, Danger, Poison, Toxic, Flammable or Corrosive, such as paints, cleaners, pesticides, oil and oil filters etc.
- <u>Examples of wastes **NOT ACCEPTED**</u>: Business waste, tires, explosives, radioactive material, medical & biological waste including sharps, microwave ovens, air conditioners, and large household appliances.
- Transportation Limits:
 - We can accept up to 15 gallons, or 125 pounds of household hazardous waste per vehicle. No more than 5 television or computer monitors per car can be disposed of free of charge. There will be a \$20 charge for each additional monitor. Cash or check only please.

The improper use and disposal of household hazardous waste can pollute our streams, rivers, lakes and oceans, destroy ecosystems, create fire hazards, and cause injury to the people who collect residential waste.

To learn more about the event, please call the County of San Diego Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling Toll Free Hotline, 1-877-713-2784 (R-1-EARTH). Bilingual operator available.

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